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# **MIOsha LATEX ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

## **November 14, 2007 - 9:30 to Noon**

### **General Office Building—Lansing—Conference Room G**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **PRESENT**

Gregory Bozimowski ..... Michigan Association of Nurse Anesthetists ..... Co-Chairperson  
Anthony Burton, MD ..... Concentra Health Services ..... Co-Chairperson  
Dee Tyler ..... Michigan Health & Hospital Association {by conference phone}  
Michele Goodyear ..... Michigan Society for Clinical Laboratory Science  
Terri Wiggins ..... Marriott Hotels

### **NOT PRESENT:**

Lisha Sly ..... UNITE-HERE Union  
Margie Vissman ..... Occupational Health Standards Commission Liaison  
Thomas Bissonnette ..... Michigan Nurses Association

### **MIOsha STAFF PRESENT:**

Marsha Parrott-Boyle ..... Standards Section  
Dena Hendon ..... Standards Section

### **VISITORS:**

Ken Fletcher ..... Michigan Nurses Association  
MaryAnn Minard ..... Michigan Nurses Association

### **Agenda Item #1— Welcome and Introductions – Co-Chairperson Anthony Burton.**

The November 14, 2007 MIOsha Latex Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by Co-chairperson Gregory Bozimowski. Members, staff and visitors introduced themselves.

### **Agenda Item #2— Approval of Minutes from the October 3, 2007 Meeting**

The minutes from the October 3, 2007 were amended to include an additional recommendation option that was discussed. A motion was made by Michelle Goodyear and was seconded by Terri Wiggins to approve the amended minutes of the October 3, 2007 Advisory Committee meeting. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Agenda Item #3-Survey Results**

Terry Wiggins received responses from additional hotels and nursing homes and Dena Hendon received additional responses regarding restaurants; fast food; schools and other eating establishments.

The food services survey responses are as follows:

Facility type		<b>NO latex gloves</b>	<b>YES latex gloves</b>	<b>YES Powdered latex gloves</b>	<b>NO Powdered latex gloves</b>	<b>Sterile latex gloves</b>	<b>Non- sterile latex gloves</b>	<b>Both latex gloves</b>
<b>Sit down restaurant</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>66 (64%)</b>	<b>37 (36%)</b>	<b>30 (81%)</b>	<b>7 (19%)</b>	<b>7 (19%)</b>	<b>27 (73%)</b>	<b>3 (8%)</b>
<b>Fast food</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>48 (80%)</b>	<b>12 (20%)</b>	<b>7 (58%)</b>	<b>5 (42%)</b>	<b>1 (8%)</b>	<b>8 (67%)</b>	<b>3 (25%)</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>34 (72%)</b>	<b>13 (28%)</b>	<b>7 (54%)</b>	<b>6 (46%)</b>	<b>1 (8%)</b>	<b>10 (77%)</b>	<b>2 (15%)</b>
<b>School</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>82 (90%)</b>	<b>9 (10%)</b>	<b>2 (22%)</b>	<b>7 (78%)</b>	<b>5 (56%)</b>	<b>3 (33%)</b>	<b>1 (11%)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>230 (76%)</b>	<b>71 (24%)</b>	<b>46 (65%)</b>	<b>25 (35%)</b>	<b>14 (20%)</b>	<b>48 (68%)</b>	<b>9 (12%)</b>

Marsha Parrott-Boyle pointed out that even though we received an additional 83 responses for Food service establishments the percentage only changed by ~1 percent.

Terry Wiggins called additional hotels and nursing home and will continue to pursue responses; possibly through the general manager at Marriott.

Marsha Parrott-Boyle stated that we have a decent survey of the food service industry; however we need more information on hotels and doctor and dentist offices. Ken Fletcher , guest from MNA, stated that the latex gloves survey was sent out to the MNA members by email and newsletter but no tallies are available at this time. Mr. Fletcher will pursue the MNA members for responses and especially target the dental hygienist group. Dee Tyler stated that Nurse Practitioners are members of COMMON and she will send the contact information to Marsha Parrott-Boyle.

Gregory Bozimowski stated he will try to contact physician's assistants and the facility at a dental school.

MaryAnn Minard, guest from MNA, will pursue responses from Home Health Care Nurses.

All of the advisory committee members will try to get more responses from the survey's they have sent out. They will send their results to Gregory Bozimowski to be compiled.

**Agenda Item #4-Discussion of Rule Revision**

Members agreed that the survey gives a good general picture of the use of latex gloves in Michigan. It is obvious that there is still significant use/exposure to latex gloves, including powdered, through-out Michigan.

The advisory committee reviewed the draft language Dr. Anthony Burton volunteered to write after the last meeting to reflect the discussion regarding possible recommendations, for review at this meeting.

Dr Burton's draft reflecting group consensus reads as follows:

When an employer requires the use of gloves for any reason, and those gloves may cause or have caused an adverse medical condition, including, but not limited to, irritant contact dermatitis, allergic contact dermatitis, immediate hypersensitivity reactions, asthma, or other respiratory allergic reactions, appropriate alternate gloves that do not cause such reactions shall be provided.

After review and discussion the draft language has been changed to the following:

An employer shall ensure that latex gloves are not used unless there are no other acceptable alternatives available.

Discussion will continue on the draft language at the next meeting.

**Agenda Item #4— Next Meeting Date**

Next Meeting Date – December 5th, 2007—Wednesday—9:30 a.m.

General Office Building—7150 Harris Drive—Lansing-Conference Room G

Advisory committee members will be surveyed as to whether December 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> would be the best date for the next meeting.

**Agenda Item #5—Public Comment**

None

**Agenda Item #6—Adjournment**

With no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

\*\*\*\*Minutes were reviewed and approved at the December 5, 2007 meeting.\*\*\*\*